

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Applicants, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121, submit the following amendments to the Specification:

Kindly *substitute* the following four (4) paragraphs in place of the phrase “Field of the Invention” that appears on page 1 of the application after the Title:

--FIELD OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates to genomic DNA methylation and to patients with breast cell proliferative disorders (*e.g.*, breast cancer). Particular embodiments of the invention provide novel compositions, and methods for the diagnosis of individuals with said disorders.

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application claims the benefit of priority to the following applications: International application number PCT/EP2003/010881, filed 01 October 2003 and published as WO 2004/035803; German application number 10245779.4, filed 01 October 2002; German application number 10300096.8, filed 07 January 2003; and German application number 10317955.0, filed 17 April 2003; all of which are incorporated by reference herein in their entireties.

SEQUENCE LISTING

A Sequence Listing, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.52(e)(5), has been provided on compact disc (1 of 1) as a 5.34 MB text file, entitled “47675-93 Sequence Listing.txt,” and which is incorporated by reference herein in its entirety.

BACKGROUND--

Additionally, kindly *substitute* the attached Sequence Listing (on compact disc in lieu of paper) for previous listing. No new matter has been added.